

- (ii) Section 35 provides for State Government to appoint Inspection Committees for Children Homes for the State.
- (iii) Section 36 provides for social audit for the purpose of monitoring and evaluation of the functioning of Children Homes.
- (iv) Section 62 provides for constitution of Advisory Boards for advising the Government on matters relating to, *interalia*, establishment and maintenance of homes.
- (v) Section 62 A provides for every State Government to constitute a Child Protection Unit for the State as well as for every District for ensuring the implementation of the Act.

The Government of India also continuously pursues with the State Governments for proper implementation of the Act.

Population of Backward Classes and SCs/STs

† *72. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the 55th Report of NSSO, the population of Backward Classes was assessed as 34.5 per cent in 1999-2000;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the 61st Report of the said organization, the population of Backward Classes during 2004-05 has been indicated as 41 per cent;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that in the above-mentioned Reports, the said organization did not mention any increase in the population of SCs and STs; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (d) According to the surveys conducted by the NSSO in its 55th round (1999-2000) and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

61 st round (2004-05) the estimated population of "Other Backward Classes" was 35.8% and 41.1% of the total population respectively.

(e) and (f) According to these surveys, the Scheduled Castes population has increased from 19.6% to 19.7% and Scheduled Tribes population has decreased from 8.9% to 8.4%.

Rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh

*73. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: WBI the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 43.36 lakh households and 13,000 habitations have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana with an estimated cost of Rs. 803 crores;

(b) if so, whether REC has sanctioned schemes for 17 districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details of districts and by when the remaining five districts are going to be covered under this programme;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for releasing first instalment to implement RGGVY in 17 districts; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay in releasing first instalment to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted 22 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) covering electrification of 76319 habitations in 22 districts of State with an outlay of Rs. 804.94 crore under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 17 projects have been sanctioned, so far at the cost of Rs. 648.16 crore, covering 21,623 electrified villages for intensive electrification, 63,665 habitations and 21,14,317 BPL connections. District-wise details are enclosed as Statement (See below). 5 projects have been given in principle approval of the cost of Rs. 133.63 crores covering 5215-electrified villages for intensive electrification.

(d) and (e) First instalment of an amount of Rs. 19.8 crore has already been released to Andhra Pradesh Government.